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FEC letter dated 11/27/2002 in response to Amended 12-Day Pre-General Report (10/1/02-10/16/02)

Dear Ms. Parks:

This letter pertains to your request that a response or an amendment be made to the report mentioned above. Your letter identified that the Sierra Club Political Committee may have made an excessive contribution to several campaigns.

Jean Carnahan for Missouri General Election Campaign: Transaction ID SB23.6015 reported on 6/14/02 for \$1,000 was incorrectly designated due to clerical error. Upon reviewing our records it was noted that the memo entry of the check specifically states that the contribution is designated for Primary. The necessary amendment (July monthly) was filed on 3/11/03. A memo entry noting the redesignation was not added to this transaction due to errors the memo caused upon validation.

Strickland for Colorado General Election Campaign: As our previous correspondence has noted (Miscellaneous Electronic Transmission submitted 3/11/03) two checks were incorrectly designated due to clerical error. The necessary amendments (July and August monthly) were filed on 3/11/03.

Clark for Congress General Election Campaign: Transaction ID SB23.6007 reported on 6/14/02 for \$2,500 was incorrectly designated due to clerical error. Upon reviewing our records it was noted that the memo entry of the check specifically states that the contribution is designated for Primary. The necessary amendment (July monthly) was filed on 12/19/02. A memo entry noting the redesignation was not added to this transaction due to errors the memo caused upon validation.

Jim Marshall2002.org General Election Campaign: We made a contribution of \$3,000 to the Jim Marshall campaign on 9/26/02 which was intended to be designated as primary debt reduction. Due to confusion in communication between our Washington DC office who requests the check and the San Francisco office who issues the check the contribution was incorrectly designated to General. Because the Jim Marshall campaign understood this contribution to be for the General election campaign we have requested a refund in the amount which exceeds the limits. A copy of the letter follows in another Miscellaneous Electronic Submission.

Julia Carson for Congress General Election Campaign: A letter requesting a refund was sent to the Julia Carson for Congress General election campaign upon becoming aware of the excess contribution made. A copy of the letter follows in another Miscellaneous Electronic Submission.

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Luther for Congress General Election Campaign: You also identified that there may have been an excessive contribution to the Luther for Congress General election campaign. A stop payment was issued on the check for \$1,000 dated 6/14/02 reported in transaction ID SB23.6018. The stop payment was issued on 8/22/02 and was reported in the September Monthly report in transaction ID SB23.7162. Taking this into consideration, the expenses no longer exceed the campaign limit.

Your letter has also sought clarification on two different descriptions used for some of the itemized disbursements. The description "Payment allocated and reported on line 23" is used for transactions in line 21-b of the report that are entered to offset the in-kind contributions reported in line 23. To ensure that the cash balance is not affected by these in-kind contributions an offsetting negative amount is entered in line 21-b with the description noted above. The description "Payment allocated and reported on line 24" is used for transactions reported in line 21-b that are entered to offset independent expenditures reported on line 24. This practice has been used for a number of years and was approved by our report analyst.

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